

IMPORTATION OF HOPS MADE FOR THE FLAVOR

Brewers Buy Foreign Goods Whether High or Low, Duty or No Duty—Heavy Production and Surplus Cause of Low Prices Here Is the Opinion.

By Hyman H. Cohen.
The project of increasing the duty on hops brought into the United States has attracted attention from producers as well as dealers for many years. Just now the topic is receiving full discussion for two representatives of hop interests from the Pacific coast—E. Clement Horst and Herman Klaber—have been before the ways and means committee at Washington the past week. While these representatives were sent to Washington by a few large growers of California, it has been generally advertised that they were the representatives of a majority of the growers.

The present duty on foreign hops brought into this country is 12c a pound and it was the aim of Messrs. Klamer and Horst to get it increased to 24c.
Just what good this will do the hop industry of the Pacific coast is a big question among the producers. To most of them it seems that the principal trouble with the hop market and its prices just now is that far too many bales are grown in the United States. The production has been increasing much faster in this country than have the imports—in fact, the hop market here is scarcely affected at any time to any great extent by the imported article. We import annually just about so many bales of hops whether the price is high or low.
The fact that the United States annually exports a greater number of bales than are imported seems to indicate to the local grower that we are generally able to hold our own when it comes to hops.
It has been the custom of many of the larger American brewers to utilize a certain amount of foreign hops in order to get a certain flavor which American hops are said not to possess and even when foreign hops were selling at a very heavy advance over Americans on this account and the duty was 12c a pound, about the same amount of imports were shown.
The cause of the low prices is therefore looked upon by the trade in general as too great production in the United States. This acreage has been decreased rapidly within the past two years and the report is now current that the increased duty is being asked for simply to cause the growers to continue in business and thus allow short sellers to secure their hops at nominal values.
Herbert S. Hadley is the first Republican to be elected governor of Missouri in 35 years. He is 36 years old, and has been for the last four years attorney-general of the state. He is a native of Kansas, and was graduated from the University of Kansas and the law school of Northwestern university. In 1894 he began the practice of law in Kansas City, and for one term was prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. His successful prosecution of graft cases first brought him into wide prominence.

Politics and Politicians

William Howard Taft will be the only president with a middle name since Chester A. Arthur. All but seven of the nation's twenty-six presidents have been blessed with but a single baptismal name.
Beryl F. Carroll, Republican, who has been elected governor of Iowa, has been for three terms state auditor and a member of the state senate. He is 48 years old, and has been active in politics since 1886. He was bred on a farm and, like many other men who have become prominent in public life, he taught school for several years.

The defeat of State Senator Everett Colby, one of the Republican leaders in New Jersey, probably eliminates Governor John Franklin Murphy and former Governor Franklin Murphy as possibilities to succeed United States Senator Kean. There is some talk now of ex-Governor Stokes running for the United States senatorship.

While President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and Ambassador Whitehead are the men most prominently mentioned as possible successors of Senator Platt in New York, there are a number of others who may get into the running.

Timothy Woodruff, Republican state chairman, is prominently mentioned and so are ex-Governor Black, Congressman J. Sloat Passett of Elmira and R. R. Butler of Buffalo. General Horace Porter and ex-Ambassador Joseph H. Choate are talked of, as usual, but probably will not figure.
Formal announcement has been made that Congressman Ebeneser J. Hill of the Fourth Connecticut district will be a candidate for the seat in the United States senate now filled by Senator Frank B. Grandgees.
Despite the fact that the politicians were all against him, Judge Ben H. Lindsey of Denver, popularly known as the "Kid" judge, was selected by an unusually large vote.

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